

Ed's Reading Room Word Search

**Murder on Stage**

by Cora Harrison

C	H	Y	Q	J	R	S	K	J	U	W	G	H	U
O	K	G	U	T	U	E	R	M	K	C	T	Q	K
V	E	N	T	R	I	L	O	Q	U	I	S	T	S
E	T	H	S	R	T	D	A	R	P	T	C	W	Q
N	R	G	T	S	E	N	T	N	Y	Q	S	J	E
T	Y	J	U	R	P	A	K	L	T	G	K	Y	S
G	L	H	N	W	I	C	C	S	I	E	J	F	I
A	C	A	T	N	K	G	N	H	Y	P	R	Y	U
R	Q	L	S	H	C	W	R	G	E	A	G	N	G
D	J	F	E	K	O	I	O	H	U	R	E	W	S
E	Y	I	H	L	R	W	P	D	Q	G	Y	L	I
N	G	E	C	N	E	I	D	U	A	R	U	W	D
J	H	U	L	W	Q	A	E	T	S	H	Q	H	U
Y	W	A	C	T	O	R	S	U	Y	C	S	J	R

Alfie	Mutsy
stage	audience
clowns	actors
disguise	Covent Garden
curtains	shadow
fraud	treachery
chestnuts	ventriloquists
candles	lanterns

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#### Ed's Poetry

Imagine you were Alfie or one of the other characters in this book and think about how you would feel after your ordeal. Brainstorm some ideas then write a poem in the style of your choice using your ideas. You could use poetic devices such as simile, metaphor, alliteration, onomatopoeia and personification. Think of a title for your poem.

Ideas

When you have finished your poem you could read it to a friend or learn and recite it.

Ed would enjoy reading your poem. You could email your poem to him.

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**Interview**

In this book, Charles Dickens wanted to interview Alfie about his time in Newgate. Imagine you were Dickens and make notes and draft questions for the interview. You would probably want to ask Alfie about his thoughts, feelings and fears as well as about what actually happened.